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21        OCT 26 1999        MR. CAMPBELL: Hello. My name is Darrell  
22 Campbell. I'm a secretary for Prarie Island, Minnesota. I

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1 have some packets here.

2 MR. LAWSON: To handout generally?

3 MR. CAMPBELL: I have just got a few of  
4 them.

5 MR. LAWSON: There is a table in the back  
6 that you can put in afterwards.

7 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Since most of you  
8 probably have never been to Prarie Island, in the packet here  
9 we have a picture of our reservation and also the nuclear  
10 power plant. My community lives within the shadows of the  
11 nuclear power plant and nuclear waste storage facility 24  
12 hours a day, seven days a week. Nowhere in this country is  
13 the problem more -- problem of nuclear waste more relevant at  
14 Prarie Island.

15 I am here today to tell you [we do not  
16 support the no action alternative. The Department of Energy  
17 has a responsibility to remove the waste. Indeed the federal  
18 government has a trust responsibility to protect the  
19 interests of the tribes, but it must continue to ignore  
20 that -- it must not continue to ignore that responsibility.  
21 It's been over a year since DOE has supposed -- is supposed  
22 to begin moving its nuclear waste from Prarie Island. The

1 continued

1 waste still sits less than 600 yards from our homes, church,  
2 governments, offices. There is no date in sight of its  
3 removal.

4 [We didn't ask for this nuclear neighbor.

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5 The plant was forced on us more than 30 years ago. In 1994,  
6 the utility company was given permission to build a pad to  
7 hold up to 48 casks on Prarie Island. As of today, they have  
8 17 casks sitting and they will need, I think, three or four  
9 more to reach the year 2012 when they are going to go for  
10 their relicensing.

11 Today we face a real threat that how it's  
12 been called a temporary storage facility while in fact its  
13 permanent. Our children, our children's children will be  
14 forced to live with this, which to us is a very real health  
15 and safety threat. [We recognize that nuclear waste will be  
16 costly, and our analysis of transportation issues not to be  
17 done separately but rather as a part of a complex -- complete  
18 analysis.

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19 All jurisdictions, tribal, state, local must  
20 be fully prepared for those shipments and must be included in  
21 developing emergency preparedness plans. [But we must also  
22 acknowledge that the United States accepts nuclear waste from

1 over 40 countries. The waste is shipped safely by plane,  
2 ship, trucks and train, and it shows that if there is a will,  
3 there is a way.

4 [ Since we lived next to a nuclear neighbor for  
5 more than 30 years, we are sensitive to the concerns of our  
6 tribes near Yucca Mountain. Tribal concerns will be  
7 addressed, not merely considered -- must be addressed not  
8 merely considered. Excuse me. Our community lies within 600  
9 feet, not miles, of a nuclear storage facility. No other  
10 tribe was forced to live as close to a nuclear power plant  
11 and waste storage facility as Prarie Island.]

12 [Ultimately, we must think hard about our  
13 continued reliance for this form of energy. Yucca Mountain  
14 cannot hold all the nuclear waste that we will generate if we  
15 continue to use nuclear power. We are only prolonging the  
16 struggle of how to handle the nuclear waste that will  
17 continue to pile up. And we will have learned no one wants  
18 the waste stored in their backyard.]

1 continued 19 [ If you opt for the no action alternative,  
20 then you will force us to live with a spent nuclear fuel  
21 facility that was only meant to be a temporary site. The  
22 vote in favor of the no action will mean the failure of

1 government to continue to violate its responsibility for the  
2 nuclear waste that sits on Prarie Island and other  
3 communities. ]

4 MR. LAWSON: 30 seconds.

5 MR. CAMPBELL: Are you willing to repeat  
6 this pattern of broken promises that our people are all too  
7 familiar with?

8 MR. LAWSON: Thank you. Next speaker is  
9 Jerry McKnight. Is Mr. McKnight here? Les Bradshaw? Albert  
10 Nunez? And to be followed by Ray Voide. Is Mr. Voide here?  
11 If not, then I would go to Reinard Knutsen. Then just to  
12 complete the list, it will be Susi Snyder and Bonnie Kendrick  
13 after that. That will exhaust my list at this point.